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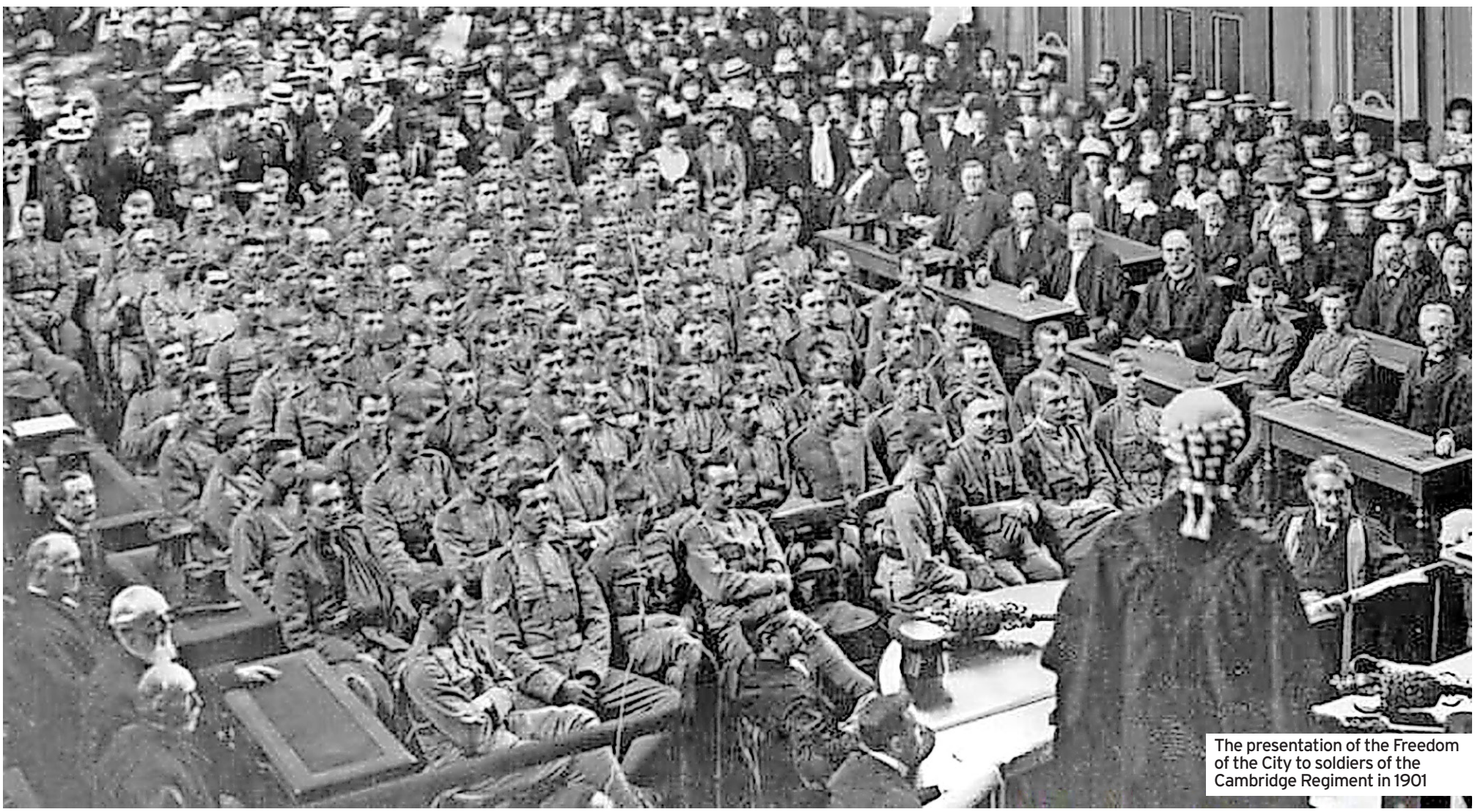

The presentation of the Freedom of the City to soldiers of the Cambridge Regiment in 1901

New village is the first anywhere for at least a century – 1963

PLANS have been drawn up to create a new village.

The development at Bar's Farm, Dry Drayton, the first anywhere in the country for at least a century, would be undertaken by a private firm and envisages freehold and leasehold properties built to a high architectural standard to house about 3,000 people.

A board of trustees would ensure it was completely self-supporting with its own shops.

But some say that Lolworth, with a population of 90, should be developed instead to house about 6,000 people.

It used to have about 400 houses until they were burned down in a great fire many years ago and nobody bothered to rebuild them.

'Unfair to expect' people to pay 'so large a sum' – 1929

AN inquiry was held into proposals by the Ouse Drainage Board to carry out work at Welmore Lake Sluice.

The ministry had agreed to fund one half of the cost of £30,000 but local ratepayers objected saying it was unfair to expect them to pay so large a sum when the work would benefit many others.

The sluice had been constructed in about 1825 and benefitted the Middle Level as it prevented the tide coming up against their barrier banks.

Methwold and Feltwell Drainage Board protested against payment for a sluice which would confer not one penny benefit on them.

They were being asked to 'hold the baby' and it was rather too lusty an infant for them to hold. If the cost were spread more fairly, it would only amount to an 8d rate and no one would feel the pinch.

Returning heroes have seriously upset labour market – 1903

SINCE the declaration of peace last year, the ranks of the unemployed in Cambridgeshire have been swelled by the steady influx from South Africa of thousands of discharged soldiers and reservists which has seriously upset the labour market.

One cannot pay a visit to the tramp ward of any workhouse without being impressed by the number of inmates who are evidently returned 'heroes'.

In 1901, 7,754 vagrants were relieved at the various unions in the district. Last year, the number had risen to 9,591.

Cambridge spends the least per head (two shillings and three farthings) whilst Linton spends the most (six shillings and eightpence halfpenny).

The first residents move in to Bar Hill in 1967

Takeover makes newspaper one of largest in UK – 1909

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